

## SOS-Mobilities - Bulletin No 01

The SOS-mobilities is a Leonardo da Vinci Transfer of Innovation project funded by Lifelong Learning Programme (2013-1-FI1-LEO05-12543) and it began its activities on the 1<sup>st</sup> of October 2013.

Partners are:

- P0 Axxell Utbildning Ab. Finland
- P1 Katholisches Jugendhaus Berlin (Ludwig Wolker Haus) e.V., Germany
- P2 Fordonsutbildningar i Örebro, Sweden
- P3 CFA La Châtaigneraie, France
- P4 Verkmenntaskólinn á Akureyri, Iceland



International mobilities are mostly aimed at well performing students instead of providing all students with equal opportunities to develop their professional and key skills through international mobilities. Preparations and materials for international mobilities are therefore based on the needs of these well performing students. Materials aimed at preparing special needs students (students with learning difficulties, low motivation and self-esteem and/or social obstacles) for international mobilities is currently missing in many European VET organizations.



The SOS-Mobility project will continue with the work that begun with the Leonardo da Vinci Partnership project Enhance Mobility for Trainees at risk of Social Exclusion. The focus of the SOS-Mobilities - project will be on developing, transferring and implementing materials that motivate and support more teachers to get involved in the work of providing equal opportunities for all students to take part in international mobilities. By taking part in international mobility the self-esteem and the study motivation of the special needs students will increase and therefore help to decrease the number of dropouts.

The outcomes of the project will be:

- A motivational guidance booklet for teachers
- A framework for special needs students taking part in international mobilities.
- A mobility checklist aimed to help teachers prepare special needs students for international mobilities
- A project webpage
- A teach the teachers training

The intangible outcome of the project will be a positive change among the attitudes of teachers towards including special needs students in international mobilities, making the international cooperation more transparent and decrease the number of dropouts in VET.

SOS-Mobilities is not targeted at one occupational sector, it focuses on VET in general as there are many special needs students in VET who benefits from being included in international mobilities.

The first project partner meeting was held on the 3rd and 4<sup>th</sup> of December 2013 in Akureyri, Iceland. The focus on the first meeting was on getting to know the partner organisations better and how they have worked with international mobilities up until this point. During the meeting the administrative aspects, aims and outcomes, dissemination, quality management, the different tasks and the inventory of needs done within the project were also presented, discussed and agreed on. Outi Lindroos from the Finnish National Agency CIMO took part in the first day of the meeting and she presented the role of the Finnish NA in the SOS-Mobilities project





During the project 5 transnational and several Lync meetings will be held. The place and dates for the transnational meetings are:

- Kick off Meeting, Akureyri (Iceland)  
3-4<sup>th</sup> of December 2013
- Development of materials, Berlin (Germany)  
4-6<sup>th</sup> of June 2014
- Teach the teachers seminar, Rouen (France)  
14-16<sup>th</sup> of October 2014
- Evaluation and piloting, Örebro (Sweden)  
17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> of March 2015
- Implementation and Final conference, Turku (Finland)  
15-16<sup>th</sup> of September 2015



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